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A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) A copy[a] of the order passed on the memorial is placed on the table.

(*c*) Yes.

Depressed Classes.

Adi-Dravida hostel for girls.

*381 *Q.*—Mr. R. VEERIAN : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state whether there is any proposal before the Government to start an Adi-Dravida hostel purely for Adi-Dravidas and other depressed classes girls on the lines of the existing Government Adi-Dravida hostel at Madras for boys and young men?

A.—The answer is in the negative.

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—" May I know, Sir, whether Government will be pleased to consider the proposal at least now ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" Yes."

Alleged prohibition of certain depressed classes from passing through certain villages.

*382 *Q.*—Mr. R. VEERIAN : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state what steps the Government have taken on my representation to them on 30th May 1925 regarding the prohibiting of the depressed classes from passing through several of the villages with clean clothes around their waists, sandals on their feet and umbrellas in their hands in the South Arcot district ?

A.—The Government have enquired into the matter. The Commissioner of Labour and his subordinates have not been informed of any instance of such prohibition or of its enforcement in the manner described by the hon. Member in his letter.

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—" May I know the result of the inquiry made by the Government apart from the inquiry made by the Commissioner of Labour ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" As stated in the answer, the Commissioner of Labour made inquiries and reported to the Government that he is not able to confirm the statement made in the question."

Emigration.

Emigration to and settlement in Laccadive Islands.

*383 *Q.*—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Home Member and the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the rules, if any, in force regarding the emigration to and permanent settlement of mainlanders in the Laccadive Islands ;

(*b*) the law under which the islanders refusing to co-operate in the rat-hunts organized from time to time in the islands are liable to be fined or otherwise punished ;

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(c) the quantity of salt which was allowed and the restrictions under which it was hitherto allowed to the islanders; whether the concession of duty-free salt recommended by the Collector of South Kanara has since been granted;

(d) the orders issued by the Government on the question of levying landing and shipping dues at concession rates at Mangalore Harbour in regard to the coir landed at the mainland and the rice taken back from it by the islanders;

(e) the terms on which the Government sanctioned the grant of an advance of 400 mudas of rice to the inhabitants of Kiltan and the reasons for declining to extend the time for the repayment of Rs. 700 still due by them out of the original advance; and

(f) the number of the distraints made so far for the recovery of this balance?

A.—(a) Section 33 of the Laccadive Islands and Minicoy Regulation, 1912, and notification No. 249 published at page 1374 of Part I of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 12th December 1922. The restrictions apply only to the Malabar islands.

(b) Section 8 (1) (b) of the above regulation so far as Malabar islands are concerned.

(c) One maund of duty-free salt as part of the price for each candy of coir. This was paid only to the South Kanara islands. The concession has not been reintroduced.

(d) A copy [a] of G.O. No. 214, Finance (Marine), dated 3rd April 1925, is laid on the table.

(e) The advance was sanctioned in G.O. No. 2974, dated 24th December 1919, for relief of distress; subject to the condition that it should be recovered before the end of March 1921 and that not less than half of the advance should be recouped before the end of May 1920.

The collection of the advance was postponed from time to time as shown below:—

(1) First instalment to be paid before the end of December 1920.

(2) First and second instalments to be paid before the end of December 1921.

(3) First instalment to be paid before the end of May 1922.
Second instalment do. May 1923.

(4) First instalment do. September 1923.
Second instalment do. December 1923.

(5) Balance outstanding Rs. 741-4-11 to be paid before the end of December 1923.

As ample time has been given, there is no need for further extension.

(f) The Government have no information.

[a] Printed as Appendix IV on page 731 infra.